

# Klamath Basin Science and Funding Workshop – Ashland, OR

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# About NFWF

## Who We Are

- Chartered by Congress in 1984
- Independent 501(c)(3) organization
- 30 member Board appointed by Secretary of the Interior
  - Includes FWS Director and NOAA Administrator

## What We Do

- Sustain, restore and enhance wildlife
- Bring collaboration among federal agencies and private sector

## How We Do It

- Leverage public funding with private money – average 3:1



## NFWF is

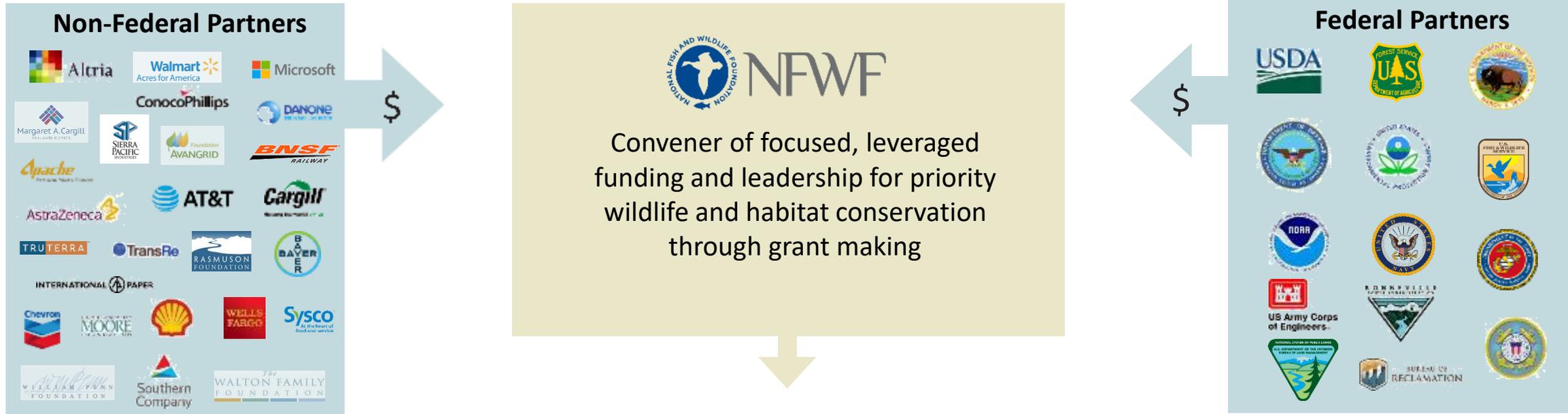
- An implementer – we fund projects

## NFWF is not

- An advocacy organization that engages in lobbying or litigation



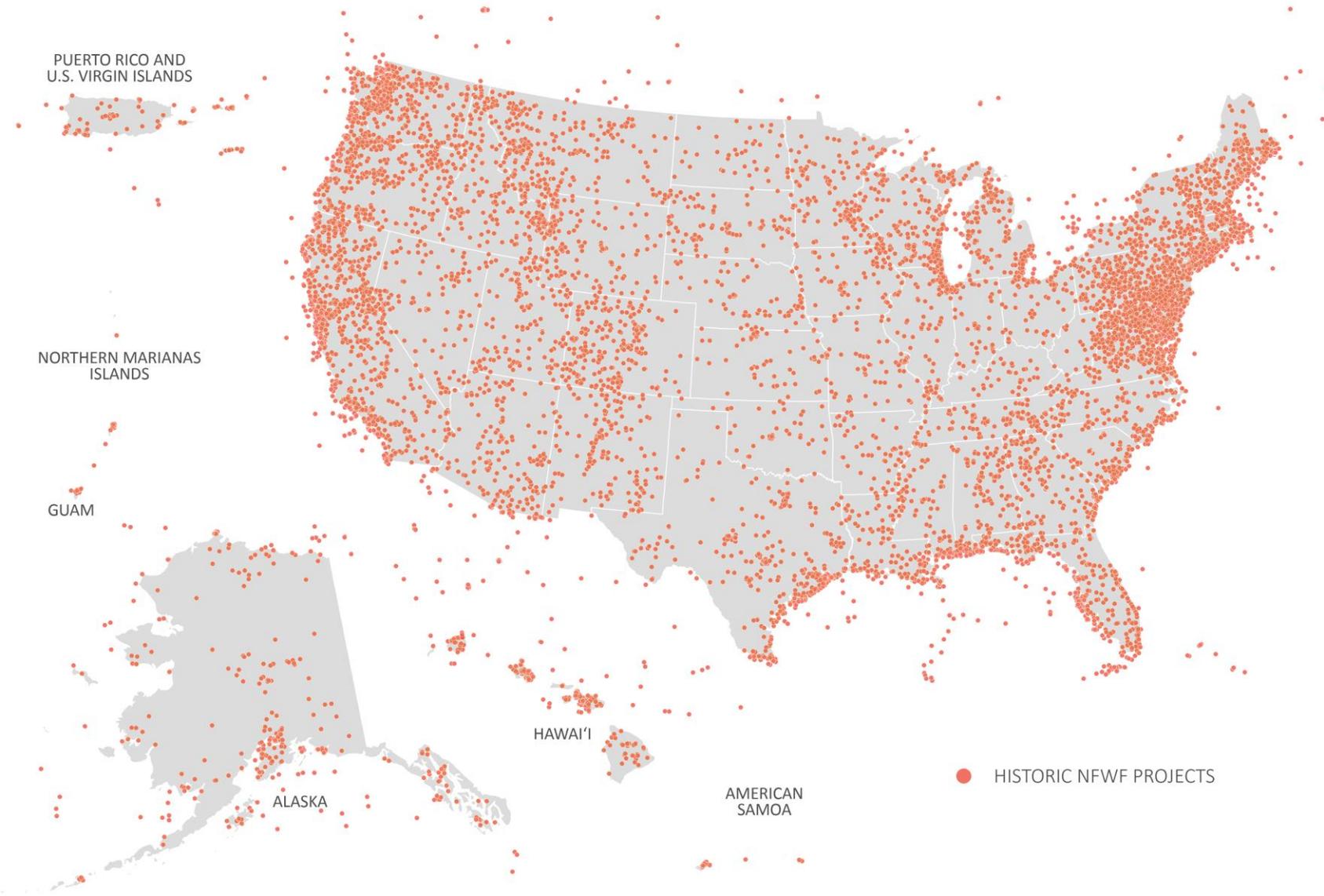
# Public-Private Partnerships



## 6,000+ Implementing Partners



# NFWF Conservation Investments (1984 – 2021)



- **20,422 Investments**
- **6,000+ Organizations**
- **All 50 states**



# NFWF's Conservation Framework

## Connecting the Dots

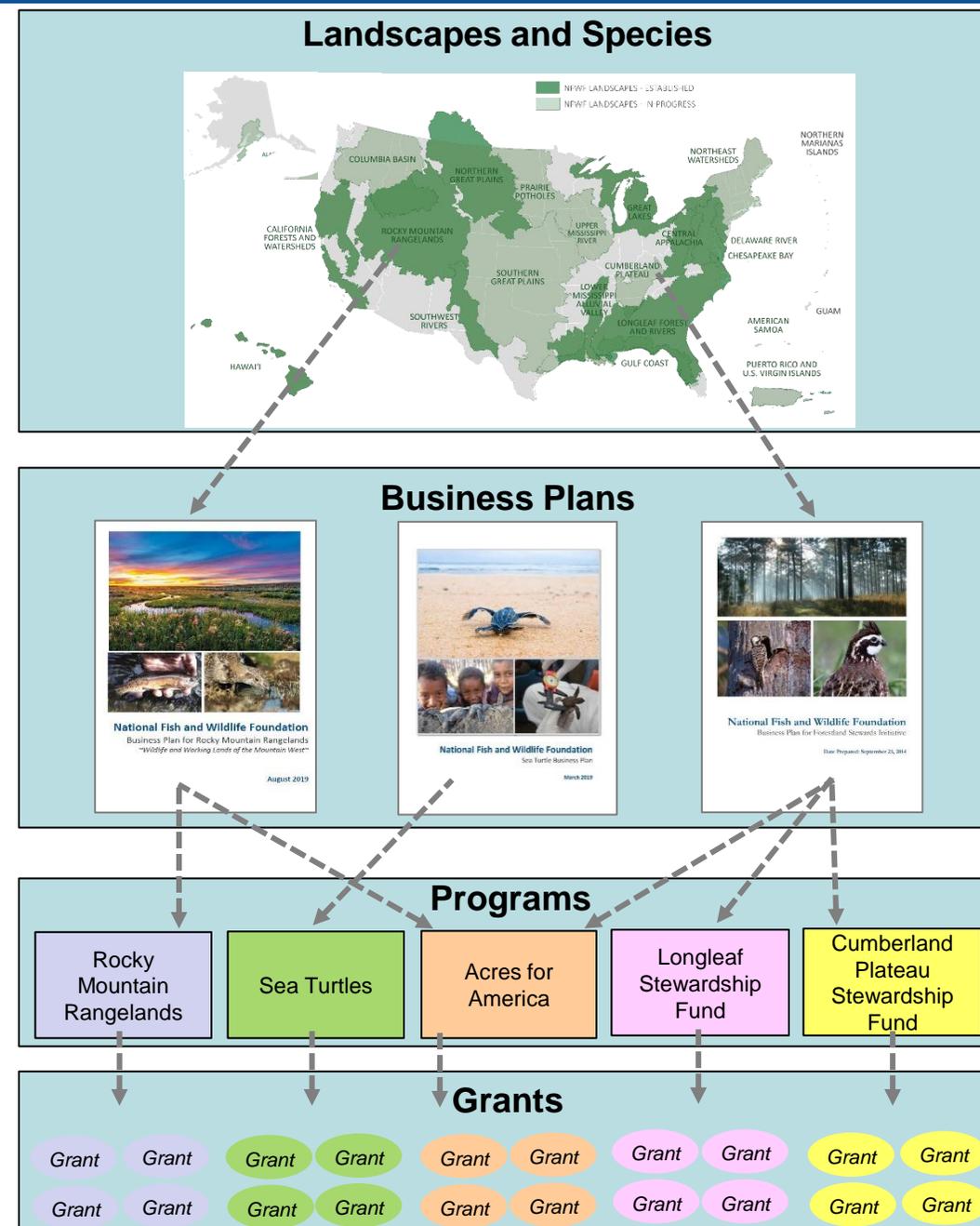
**Conservation Framework:** Sets the geographies for landscapes and for species.

**Business Plans:** 10-year habitat goals for species within landscapes, the strategies we need to invest in to achieve goals, and the funding to get us there.

[www.nfwf.org/strategies-results/businessplans](http://www.nfwf.org/strategies-results/businessplans)

**Programs:** Executing arm of Framework that organizes partners and gets funds on the ground.

**Grants:** Competitive process to select the best conservation partners to achieve goals.



# Investments in the Klamath Basin

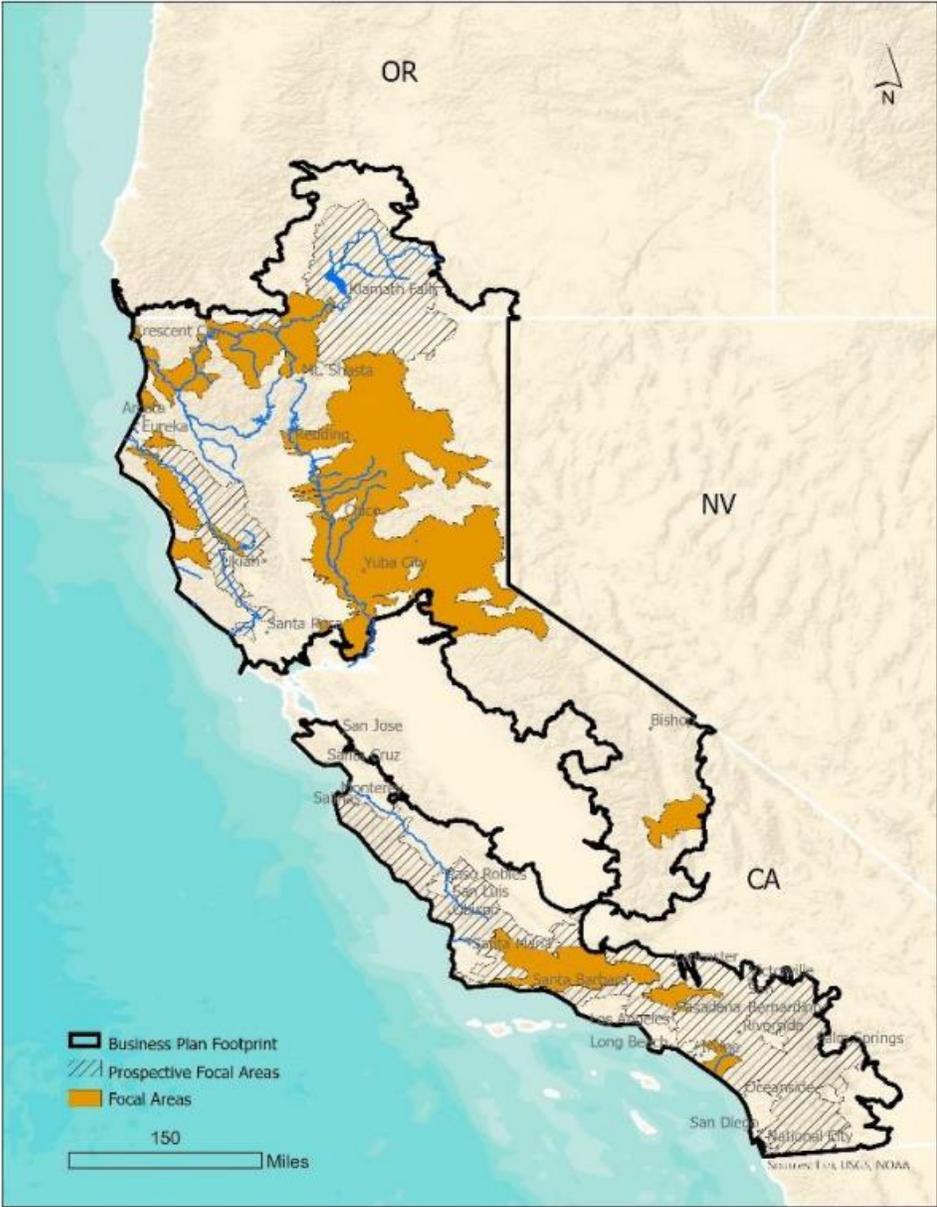
- **Klamath Basin:** Over \$14M under management with FWS and BOR to restore water quality, quantity, and aquatic and terrestrial habitats.
- **Watershed Infrastructure:** Partnership with the USFS to repair forest roads, restore stream connectivity and aquatic organism passage, and improve water quality.
- **Forest Health and Prescribed Fire:** Have funded projects on the Klamath, Shasta-Trinity and Six Rivers National Forests to build resilience and fuel breaks.



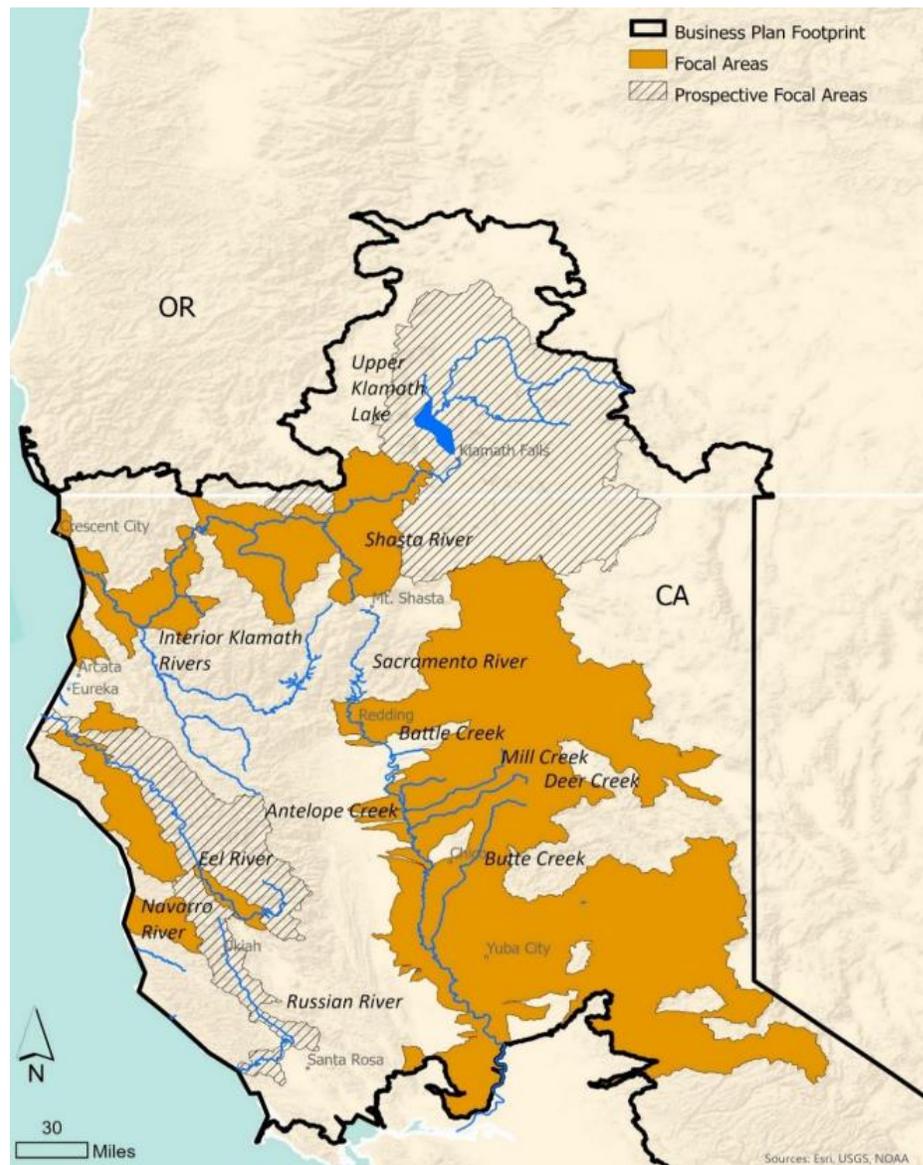
# California Business Plan – Headwaters down approach

## Key Species and Habitat

- Stand Density Index for forest species such as California Spotted Owl
- AOP's rectified and water replenished for native fish such as coho and chinook salmon and steelhead trout
- Meadows restored for species such as the California red-legged frog



# Business Plan focus in the Klamath Basin



## Continue funding and monitor projects which address:

- NOAA's priority reaches for SONCC coho in the Klamath Basin.
- Conservation actions that restore habitat important to the Los River sucker and the shorthnose sucker.
- Improve forest health and fish passage.

# America the Beautiful Challenge

[www.nfwf.org/programs/america-beautiful-challenge](http://www.nfwf.org/programs/america-beautiful-challenge)

<b>RFP Issued</b>	<b>Early March</b>
<b>Pre-Proposals Due</b>	<b>April 20</b>
<b>Full Proposals Due</b>	<b>July 20 (invite only)</b>
<b>Announce Awards</b>	<b>November</b>
<b>Where</b>	Nationwide
<b>What</b>	support locally led ecosystem restoration projects that invest in watershed restoration, resilience, equitable access, workforce development, corridors and connectivity, and collaborative conservation
<b>Grant sizes</b>	est. \$200k - \$5 million
<b>Awarded in 2022</b>	\$91.1 million
<b>Available in 2023</b>	\$116 million
<b>Funders</b>	DOI, USDA/USFS USDA/NRCS, DOD, NAIP
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*Golden eagle*



# California Forests and Watersheds

[www.nfwf.org/programs/northern-california-forests-and-watersheds](http://www.nfwf.org/programs/northern-california-forests-and-watersheds)

<b>RFP Issued</b>	<b>May 15</b>
<b>Pre-Proposals Due</b>	<b>Early June</b>
<b>Full Proposals Due</b>	<b>July 20 (invite only)</b>
<b>Announce Awards</b>	<b>November</b>
<b>Where</b>	California
<b>What</b>	Restores and enhances forested landscapes and watersheds across California. Funded projects increases headwaters resilience, improves forest health, and recover from wildfire, for the benefit of fish and wildlife throughout these environments.
<b>Grant sizes</b>	est. \$200k - \$1 million
<b>Awarded in 2022</b>	\$10 million
<b>Available in 2023</b>	\$25 million
<b>Funders</b>	USDA/USFS, USDA/NRCS, Sierra Pacific Industries, LADWP
<b>Contact</b>	Jonathan Birdsong and Angie Carl



# Discussion



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